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**NEW UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

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Title of Invention: MERCHANT BRANDED SOFTWARE

1. ☒ Specification 23 pages (including spec, claims, abstract) / 46 claims (6 independent)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
  - ☒ attached in the regular manner.
  - ☐ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).
3. ☒ 9 Distinct sheets of ☒ Formal ☐ Informal Drawings
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Form 1449  
☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☒ Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) based upon the following application(s):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
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8. ☐ Priority document(s).
9. ☐ Claiming Small Entity Status.
10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.  
☐ Computer Readable Copy.  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).

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12. Calculation of Fees:

| FEES FOR   | EXCESS CLAIMS | FEE    | AMOUNT DUE       |
|--|---------------|--------|------------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a))                           |               |        | \$710.00         |
| Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))               | 46 - 20 = 26  | 18.00  | \$468.00         |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))          | 6-3 = 3       | 80.00  | \$240.00         |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))                  | 0             | 130.00 | \$0.00           |
| Subtotal - Filing Fee Due                                      |               |        | \$1418.00        |
| REDUCE BY (%)   (\$)   |               |        |                  |
| Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)  | 50% reduction |        | \$0.00           |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>                                    |               |        | <b>\$1418.00</b> |
| Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)) | 0             | 40.00  | \$40.00          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>   |               |        | <b>\$1458.00</b> |

13. PAYMENT is:

X included – Please accept this paper as a general authorization under 37 C.F.R. 1.25(b), second sentence, to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.

\_\_\_ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

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